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Dear Prof. Lederberg:

Just back from a long trip to the Far East I have now been over your comments on the planning for the Nobel Symposium and feel that I must express my personal appreciation to you for having given this project so much thought. Your comments will be of very great help to us - help we certainly need in this undertaking which is full of difficulties, one being that we tend to get such an overweight from the U.S. which is of course a natural phenomenon.

I agree that the Symposium will principally have symbolic value, but at the same time there are certain current initiatives, like the establishment of a World University, where the Conference may considerably accelerate developments. In fact there is in close contact over this matter between the Stockholm Conference and the New York Conference: "Society in Transition" a month later. The latter may act as a second stage booster putting the project into an orbit where a major Conference, planned for 1970, may have a great impact.

Just as an example of an unrelated stepwise development I enclose a copy of a paper which I presented in Vienna earlier this year. This is related to my personal involvement with BW-disarmament which has now caused me to take a year's leave of absence in order to coordinate the studies carried out by SIPRI. Our aim is to provide a substantial background document particularly for the disarmament conference in Geneva, but I plan to split the text on conceivable initiatives at two levels:

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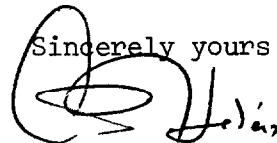
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intergovernmental and non-governmental activities. The latter will be the subject for a special session at the International Microbiology Congress in Mexico 1970 where Lwoff will chair a panel hopefully including both Housewright, Zhdanov and a few other experts to discuss the matter. Perhaps an "open laboratories club" might be established where the members submit their facilities to a voluntary inspection procedure of a type we are now experimenting with (sample enclosed). On the intergovernmental level there might perhaps develop a similar bond between aid and compulsory inspection as there already exists within the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna.

You have one of the most fertile minds I know, and if those notes give you any bright ideas, please let me know.

Looking forward to seeing you next year in Stockholm.

Sincerely yours,



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